



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Applicant: Owen Thomas Risher, et al

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Examiner: Hoang C. Dang

For: **"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING FLUIDS FROM
DRILL CUTTINGS"**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
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Dear Examiner Dang:

This is a response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005. A shortened statutory period for response is set to expire three (3) months from the date of said Office Action. This response is made on May 1, 2006 by Certificate of Express Mailing, together with a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and required fee, and is therefore timely.